

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A two-cycle engine, comprising:

a cylinder 2 in which is formed a combustion chamber 3 that is delimited by a reciprocating piston 5 that via a connecting rod 6 drives a crankshaft 7 that is rotatably mounted in a crankcase [[4]], wherein an inlet 8 is provided for a supply of fuel into said crankcase [[4]], wherein said cylinder 2 has an outlet 14 leading out of said combustion chamber 3, and wherein in predetermined positions of said piston 5 said crankcase [[4]] communicates with said combustion chamber 3 via at least one transfer channel 10,12; and

a cover 13, 35, 45 that is secured to a connecting flange 16 of said cylinder 2, wherein said cover closes off said at least one transfer channel 10,12 on an outer side of said cylinder, and wherein said connecting flange 16 is inclined relative to a longitudinal axis 17 of said cylinder by an angle that opens in a direction toward said crankcase [[4]], so that said cylinder is adapted to be manufactured by diecasting.

2. (currently amended) A two-cycle engine according to claim 1, wherein said at least one transfer channel 10,12 is embodied as a loop channel having a curved section in an external wall portion thereof, and wherein said curved section is formed entirely in said cover.

3. (original) A two-cycle engine according to claim 1, wherein said angle is from 1 to 20°.

4, (original) A two-cycle engine according to claim 3, wherein said angle is from 5 to 15°.

5. (currently amended) A two-cycle engine according to claim 1, wherein said cover ~~15, 35, 45~~ is provided with an edge 25 via which said cover rests against said connecting flange 46, and wherein said edge 25 of said cover is provided with a peripheral groove 26 for receiving a seal 20.

6. (currently amended) A two-cycle engine according to claim 1, wherein a nose 28 is formed on said cover 35, and wherein said nose extends into said cylinder 2 and forms a roof 30 of said at least one transfer channel ~~40, 42~~ that faces said combustion chamber 3.

7. (currently amended) A two-cycle engine according to claim 6, wherein said cylinder 2 is provided with a shoulder 29, and wherein said nose 28 rests on said shoulder 29 at a distance from a bore 23 of said cylinder.

8. (currently amended) A two-cycle engine according to claim 1, wherein said cylinder 2 has a central plane 48 that divides the outlet 44 approximately centrally, wherein said central plane 48 includes said longitudinal axis ~~47~~ of said cylinder, and wherein on one side of said central plane at least two transfer channels ~~40, 42~~ are disposed that are closed off by a common cover ~~15, 35, 45~~.

9. (currently amended) A two-cycle engine according to claim 8, wherein inner walls 34 of said transfer channels ~~40, 42~~ are formed on said cylinder 2 and project beyond said connecting flange 46 into said cover ~~15, 35, 45~~, and wherein

said cover is provided with a strut 32 that in a circumferential direction of said cylinder is disposed between two inner walls 34 of said transfer channels.

10. (currently amended) A two-cycle engine according to claim 1, wherein one transfer channel ~~10,12~~ continues in a wall 22 of said cylinder 2 to said crankcase ~~[[4]]~~.

11. (currently amended) A two-cycle engine according to claim 1, wherein said cover ~~15, 35, 45~~ is screwed to said cylinder 2.

12. (currently amended) A two-cycle engine according to claim 1, wherein said cover ~~15, 35~~ is an injection molded part.

13. (currently amended) A two-cycle engine according to claim 1, wherein said cover ~~15, 35~~ is provided with cooling fins 24.

14. (currently amended) A two-cycle engine according to claim 1, wherein said cover 45 is a deep-drawn part.